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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRN, SENV, UK, FR

SUBJ: CONCORDE

REF: STATE 60525

1. WHEN WE LAST DISCUSSED CONCORDE BRIEFING WITH  
BINNING, DG CONCORDE PROGRAM (LONDON 3795) WE  
SOUGHT COMMITMENT FROM HIM ON DATES FOR BRIEFING AND  
WE ASKED SPECIFICALLY ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF WEEK OF  
APRIL . BINNING UNDERSTANDS THE STRONG PRESSURES  
IN USG FOR EARLY ISSUANCE OF NPRM ON SST ENGINE  
EMISSIONS AND THE PROBLEM THAT DELAY IN FIXING FIRM  
DATES WILL CREATE IN RESISTING THESE PRESSURES.  
HOWEVER, HE FORESEES THAT WHEN BRITISH-FRENCH  
MINISTERS MEET ON MARCH 29 IT QUITE POSSIBLE THAT ONLY  
AGREEMENT THEY WILL REACH MIGHT BE TO HOLD SECOND  
MEETING WHICH COULD TAKE PLACE AS EARLY AS MID-APRIL.  
BINNING SAID THERE IS AT THIS STAGE SUCH GREAT UNCERTAIN-  
TY ON QUESTION OF CONTINUED UK COMMITMENT TO CONCORDE  
PROGRAM, THAT HE COULD NOT, IN GOOD FAITH, COMMIT UK  
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TO SPECIFIC DATES FOR WASHINGTON BRIEFING UNTIL AFTER

MARCH 29 MINISTERIAL MEETING. WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH BINNING AFTER MARCH 29 MEETING TO TRY TO FIX FIRM DATES AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN APRIL.

2. COMMENT. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS STRONG OPPOSITION IN USG TO DELAY OF NPRM ON SST ENGINE EMISSIONS AND WE APPRECIATE EFFORTS OF ALL CONCERNED FOR DEFERRAL THUS FAR ACHIEVED. WE MUST REEMPHASIZE, HOWEVER, THAT WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE A SERIOUS MISTAKE ON PART OF USG, HAVING WITHHELD PUBLICATION OF NPRM PREVIOUSLY, TO ISSUE IT NOW BEFORE BRIEFING AND AT A TIME WHEN QUESTION OF CONCORDE'S FUTURE WILL BE A PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE POLITICAL ISSUE IN UK. TO PUBLISH NPRM APRIL 1, AS PROPOSED, WOULD MAKE US VULNERABLE TO CRITICISM, BY ANY AND ALL WHO WOULD FIND IT EXPEDIENT, THAT USG ACTION WAS AT LEAST PARTIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR WHATEVER DECISION UK FINALLY TAKES WITH REGARD TO CONTINUATION OF CONCORDE PROGRAM.

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